

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (canceled).

Claim 2 (previously presented): A method for providing team functions as claimed in Claim 7, wherein a call acceptance group is set up for each first subscriber line.

Claim 3. (canceled).

Claim 4 (previously presented): A method for providing team functions as claimed in Claim 7, wherein the first and second operating modes are signaled on at least one of the first subscriber line and a second subscriber line.

Claim 5 (previously presented): A method for providing team functions as claimed in Claim 7, wherein a call made to a first subscriber line is transferred in the first operating mode, following input of user information, to the at least one further second subscriber line on which the call made to the first subscriber line was signaled, and a call diverted to a second subscriber line is picked up in the second operating mode, following input of user information, on an associated first subscriber line.

Claim 6 (previously presented): A method for providing team functions as claimed in Claim 7, wherein a call made to a first subscriber line is diverted to the second subscriber line on which corresponding user information was first entered.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A method of providing team functions encompassing multiple communications systems in a communications network having a plurality of subscriber terminals, each subscriber terminal having at least one subscriber line associated therewith, the method comprising:

assigning the plurality of subscriber lines to a call acceptance group, the plurality of subscriber lines having subscriber terminals located among a plurality of the multiple communication systems;

receiving a call made to a first subscriber terminal on a first subscriber line;

switching the call to the first subscriber terminal and signaling a second subscriber terminal for call answering when the call is received under a first operating mode; and

signaling the call in parallel on a second subscriber line for call answering to a second subscriber terminal when the call is received under a second operating mode, switching the call to said second subscriber terminal, and signaling said call in parallel on the first subscriber line and on the second subscriber line for call answering on said first and second subscriber terminals, wherein call answering capability is maintained by all the subscriber terminals associated with the call acceptance group after the transfer of the incoming call.